

FONS meeting 19th October 2015

Present: Mrs Meaden, Kate Griffiths, Sarah Crosby, Nia Grant, Beth Jennings, Nicola Hall, Tracy Horrigan, Lorna Roberts, Sally Johnson, Emily Davies, Sam Hanmer

Apologies: Helen Allen, Jenny , Nicky Wilson, Laurrainne Roberts

MINUTES OF AGM

Sarah confirmed that these were agreed by all who were present at the AGM held on the 24th September 2015.

MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MINUTES

Second Hand Uniform Sale

Sarah reported that this took place as agreed and raised £20.

Although clearly not a huge amount of money was raised it does reflect the fact that only three parents bought uniform items. However, whilst it is always great to raise money during these sales it is not the sole reason why they are held. St. Mary's is an eco school and as such it needs to demonstrate its ability to recycle and the second hand uniform sale is perfect for this.

Mrs Meaden mentioned that on the 16th November 2015 a Celebration Event is taking place at school from 4.30pm and suggested that Friends could have a rail of second hand uniform for sale during this event.

Christmas Cards

Kate reported that she has been busy liaising with a company who produces these and she was able to report as follows:

- The children draw a card design in school, **Mrs Meaden** to arrange this.
- The forms are then sent off to the company
- A proof is then returned to school and distributed to parents.
- Parents decide what they would like to order, under no obligation.
- A pack of 10 cards will cost £6.50 to parents and school will receive £1.50 per pack ordered.
- Mugs will cost £6.00 to parents and school will receive £2.00 per mug ordered.

Raffle Tickets

It was agreed to purchase 220 books this year as last year we managed to sell all 200 books ordered.

Sarah has ordered these at the same price as last year, £48.

Own Clothes Day - Friday 4th December

As 'payment' we request a donation of either chocolate and/or bottles for the chocolate and bottle tombola stalls at the Christmas Concert Night.

Volunteers needed to number these ready for the evening event on the 8th.

Raffle Prizes for Christmas Prize Draw

Sarah has produced a list of items for the hamper. List was circulated and extra items added. Once amended list will be sent home to families for them to choose an item(s) they

are happy to donate. A master list will be put up in school so people can see what has already been donated.

Other possible raffle prizes (and the person to arrange) were discussed and agreed as follows:

Teddy	Lorna
Pen Y Bont voucher	Sally
Spaven voucher	Sally
Miners Arms voucher	Becky - already have
Boys toy	Nia
Beauty voucher	Sally
P & A Garden Centre	Beth
Flower arrangement	Beth
Afternoon Tea 'Kit'	Beth
Cinema Voucher	Sam
Bowling voucher	Sam
Curry kit	Sarah
Fresh Christmas Tree	Sarah

If anyone has any other ideas for raffle prizes or would like to donate a prize please feel free to do so.

It was agreed that the children will write a thank you letter to all those companies who donate prizes. **Mrs Meaden** to action this.

Sally suggested that it would be a very good gesture to acknowledge the companies/ organisations who donate a prize. It was agreed that their generosity would be acknowledged within the Christmas Nativity programme.

Sarah has cellophane and ribbon. **Tracy** has offered boxes and packing for hampers.

Christmas Concert - Monday 7th & Tuesday 8th December

After some discussion it was agreed to continue with the £1 entry to the evening performance. As with previous years this charge will include refreshments back at school after the concert.

The Matinee performance will remain free of charge.

Sarah confirmed that she has prepared a proof for the matinee invites which will be distributed throughout the village.

Volunteers needed to distribute these and sell raffle tickets at the same time.

Nia left the meeting.

Beth to continue taking minutes for the meeting.

Table Top Sale

Sarah suggested a Table top sale some time in the new year.

Saturday 6th February was agreed, but needs to be confirmed.

Tracy to book Soar Chapel from 9 till 1pm. Liaise with **Beth** to see if discount can be reached for booking.

Sarah to place advert in Nercwys News.

Details to be discussed, but ideas so far:

- Tables will be £7 to book.
- **Beth/ Tracy** to find out how many tables they have.
- 50p entry to be charged. This will include a tea/coffee & biscuit.
- 9am set up for those with tables
- 10am door for buyer open

Sally left the meeting.

Nathan Williams joined the meeting.

Guy Fawkes Fun After School Activity - Wednesday 4th November

Children will be put into teams of 4 and will use the time to make a 'Guy'.

It will run as usual for these activities 3.15 - 5pm and be £3 per child.

Refreshments will be hot dog and a drink.

Beth to provide straw and string.

Parents have been asked for donations of suitable clothing to be used to make the Guys.

Mr Williams will judge the Guys.

Helpers to be:

Kitchen

Tracy and Lorna

Activity

Nicky W, Kate, Beth & Sally (to be asked as she had left the meeting)

Christmas Craft After School Activity - Thursday 3rd December

It will run as usual for these activities 3.15 - 5pm.

Cost per child to be confirmed. Depends how many craft supplies we need to buy.

This will include a snack and a drink.

Possible crafts to be:

Christmas gift tags - various designs to be made up as examples

Pine cone snowman/ angel/ reindeer

Button wreath

Baby Jesus biscuit

Group crafts could be:

Paper chain

Garlands - angel/ tree/ star

Concertina chain

Further discussion needed at next meeting regarding sourcing of supplies

Sport Kit

Mr Williams has looked into the cost of a new all-purpose sports kit. the current kit is over 12 years old and in need of an update.

Sarah suggested that she could ask a local business if they would be willing to cover the cost or contribute towards the cost - approx £160

Friends Christmas Night Out

We discussed the possibility of a parents Christmas night out.

Beth to ask all parents their thoughts and suggestions as to a date and venue.

Beth to give update at next meeting.

Constitution of the Friends of Nercwys School

We decided to carry this matter over to the next meeting as quite a few people had left the meeting.

Date of next meeting Monday 23rd November at 3.15pm